

Rain Gives Reds and White Sox Brief Respite—Williams to Oppose Eller To-day

Gleason Must Force Fight To Save Team Utter Rout

Chicago Manager's Extreme Caution Criticized; Even Enforced Rest Is Not Expected to Help Trailing Team in World Series; Reds Need Two More

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CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—The rainy interlude to-day gave the bugs who have been crawling in the wake of the current world series a chance to cling to the moist walls of the hotel corridors and brood over what has occurred to date. Students of strategy have decided that the White Rabbits will pitch Claude Williams to-morrow if Comiskey Park can be drained off. The betting is that Moran will give "Hod" Eller a chance, but opinion persists that he might come back with Walter Ruether and make the remainder of the series as brief and painless as possible.

With the pre-series arithmetic so

badly tangled that its own parents

would not recognize it there is no wild

enthusiasm at the present writing

over the chances of the Sox taking a

brace and beating the Reds out. The

Sox have not been hitting the Red

pitchers, and it takes hits to produce

runs. To date the White Sox have dis-

played no more aggressive than so-

many white rabbits. They are not go-

ing to get anywhere—in the light of

what has happened—by playing it safe.

A statement credited to the White

Gleason, over his signature, is turning

the laugh on the grizzled Kid. Gleason

is alleged to have given utterance to

the declaration that the Reds are not

a team to take the Sox into the view

of the fact that the White Rabbits have

played the sacrifice and safety-first pol-

icy from the start this intermission from

Gleason seems entirely out of order.

Sox Should Take Chance

It is everybody's opinion that the

White Rabbits ought to come right out

of the trench and battle for the

duration of the current war. They

might get massacred, but they seem to

be undergoing the process of being

massacred as it is.

If Kid Gleason has anything up his

sleeve but his cut's right now he is a

magician at keeping it concealed. The

rain, according to the experts' inquest,

which has been going on since noon,

will help the White Sox, but non-

experts and merely casual observers

are of the opinion that nothing can

help them.

There remains one game to be played

here before the return jump to the

Rhineland, where two games are sched-

uled. The White Sox have four games

to win. The Reds have two. At the

present writing it looks fairly safe to

predict that it will end at Cincinnati,

where it began.

But hardened experts froth at the

madness at the suggestion of such a pos-

sibility. They still clutch at spurs and

fragments of figures as they wallow

in the wet.

"Wait till the Sox start hitting,"

they say. "Their team batting is

twenty points better than the batting

of the Reds."

Must Brace Up Quickly

But four games is a reasonably long

time to wait for any team to hit them

where the fielders are not. At the

White Sox intend to emerge from the

fastnesses of their batting slump any

time during this series it is about time

that they were poking their heads out

of the hole. They are not to emerge

until Kid Gleason becomes less cau-

tious.

The Kid, whose brow was fairly well

ploughed with furrows before this series

started, has a face so wrinkled that it

looks as though it had been rudely

massaged with a curry comb. But at

that one has to admire the tenacity

with which he sticks to his strategy

of caution. Only a madman or stu-

pid person could do that.

Gleason must have known when he

gave Felsch the order to sacrifice yes-

terday that he was going to lose. No-

body out, that he would be on the

pan to-day if what happened did

happen.

The strategy of Gleason would have

John Joseph McGeehan looking at the

mouth if he happened to be experting

along on this tour. John J. swears by

the hit-and-run policy and it makes a

good game. But he has not been able

to make it a considerable one.

"Dope" Is All Crossed

All sorts of dope have been crossed

here. During the American League

season the White Sox were regarded as

dangerous demons on the bases. They

were held as too safe, too daring

and too smart for the Reds. But to

date they have not been stealing a

whole lot of bases nor have they been

stealing anything else.

Eddie Collins, regarded as the poten-

tial big noise of the series, has been

doing nothing but play second

base. There has not been any real

melodrama stage so far, but the near-

est thing to melodrama has been

staged by Patrick Moran's men.

Patrick is the outstanding and domi-

nant figure in the series. He is a

That grizzled, red-haired, Irishman

has dominated it by his brawn, which

is known in this country by the short-

and uglier word "brawn." Patrick

has convinced the crowd of seeing

misfits that were dumped into his ho-

tel in Texas early last Spring that

they are great and wonderful ball

players. They have been the main

attraction of the series, and they

are a flock of larks. More than that—

he has made them chorus like a lot of

larks. Consequently they are larks to

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